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## LISLE MAN ADMITS TO SERIAL BANK ROBBERIES

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York; Peter J. Smith, United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania; George L. Piro, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Albany Division - Federal Bureau of Investigation; New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico; Joseph T. Zikuski, Chief, City of Binghamton Police Department; Carl Graziano, Acting Chief, City of Scranton Police Department; and, Larry Hurley, Chief, Athens Township Police Department, make the following announcement:

Samuel A. Parrotti, II, 44, of the Town of Lisle, Broome County, NY, admitted today in United States District Court, Binghamton, to committing a series of bank robberies last summer in Broome County, New York, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, and Bradford County, Pennsylvania. During his plea of guilty to four felony counts of bank robbery, Parrotti admitted to committing the following bank robberies in Broome County - the first, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the M&T Bank branch located at 1170 Vestal Avenue in the City of Binghamton; the second, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, at the NBT Bank branch located at 2950 State Route 11 in Whitney Point.

In addition, Parrotti admitted committing two other bank robberies similar to the Broome County robberies - one on August 6, 2012, at the Pennstar Bank branch located at 117 Meadow Avenue, Scranton, PA., and the other on August 27, 2012, at the Visions Federal Credit Union located at 2121 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA. In each of the four bank robberies, Parrotti indicated he possessed a gun, and passed notes to tellers demanding money. Parrotti obtained a total of approximately \$38,000 between the four robberies.

Parrotti faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, and a maximum fine of \$250,000 dollars, on each of the four bank robberies. Parrotti is scheduled to be sentenced on May 23, 2013, by Senior U.S. District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy in United States District Court, Binghamton.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Walsh. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office, at (607) 773-2887.